

**From:** [Trinh, Eva M.](#)  
**To:** [Little, Bill](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Community Involvement Interviews  
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Thank you Bill. I will relay that information to the interviewees.

All of the wells on the site have tested free of contaminants or acceptable amounts of contaminants according to water regulations? I have talked with some of the previous church members and will include the results in the update that I will send you right after I send this email. ☺

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**From:** Little, Bill [mailto:Little.Bill@epa.gov]  
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**Subject:** RE: Community Involvement Interviews

Eva,

Just some thoughts.

Pitcher is a unique site and Wilcox doesn't resemble that site at all. Many old refinery sites have been remediated in the past all over Region 6 and many in Oklahoma. ( Imperial in Ardmore)

The 800 cancer cases out 4253 is not an amazing number when you consider 1 in 4 people develop cancer some time in their life. ( That would be 1063 people.) I think the real statistic is 1 in 3.

I would really be interested in what Mr. (b) (6) has to say. I know he has a spot on his property where a tank was located and it is said to be similar to the spot in (b) (6)'s back yard. ( If that is the (b) (6) that has property next to and behind (b) (6).

All well's in the area tested free of contaminants with the exception of the well at the church. I believe, the church property is located right where the refinery was located.

We spoke to (b) (6) and the Mayor during our Visit. The Reverend stated that before they moved out of the church some people developed convulsions and got sick when they spent time in the church and have not had recurring symptoms since they relocated. (We should find out other medical facts about these people)

I have to get going I'll talk with you soon.

Thanks

Bill

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**Subject:** Community Involvement Interviews



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Hello Bill,

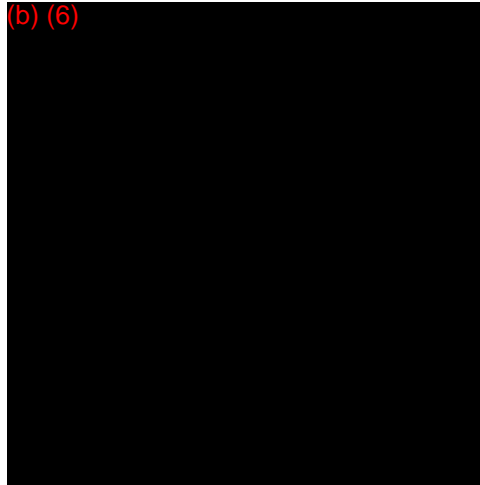
(b) (6) cancelled his interview today.

My schedule of interviews for next week so far:

Tuesday 4/1 @ 10:30am: (b) (6) in Bristow

Here is the contact list for the people that I have interviewed thus far:

(b) (6)



Results of the interviews:

- Everyone mostly seemed very grateful that the site was getting cleaned up; they all want it to be done as fast as possible and as soon as possible. They want the land cleaned up and taken care of before it causes damage to anyone else. Some expressed interest in restricting access to the site or to put up fencing to keep curious people away from exposure and possible harm to themselves.
- Some were concerned with the method of cleanup and expressed interest in having local contractors involved as much as possible.
- A lot of people were worried about the children and pets living on the site. These concerns were that a lot of pets had strange growths on the outer areas of their bodies, growing livestock on the land is no longer a viable option, and reproductive effects of the contamination on the children's futures.
- People worried about the cancer clusters in all ages. Many people are saying there have been about 800 cases of cancer in a town of about 4,253 people, which are staggering statistics but the health trends in the area are still unknown.
  - We are communicating with the chronic disease department at the Oklahoma State Department of Health to keep updated on possible health trends in this area.
- Some people were worried about hexavalent chromium, trichloroethylene, and lead in the water.
  - We have sent out information referring them to the EPA and ODEQ water quality websites to access regulations and water testing results in Bristow.
- Future uses of the land had mixed reviews. Many people thought the land should be kept residential as they are trying to grow the city out that way, others thought an industrial park would help the economy of the city, and another recommendation was that the land could

be used as a beautiful park entrance into the city. Majority of interviewees did not want the site to become a wasteland like Pitcher, OK. **Quite a few people were concerned that the land might be too contaminated, beyond the ability to clean up.**

- Another concern from many of the interviews was the impact that this site could potentially have on the city. It comes with a negative stigma, which negatively reflects on the city, which could potentially negatively impact the economy and population growth. Some expressed interest in having the site known as the Creek County Superfund site or Wilcox Superfund site instead of the Bristow Superfund site.
- Many people were concerned about misinformation floating around, especially on social media.
  - We are currently still working on the Wilcox site webpage on the ODEQ website that will serve as a central point in information for community members to go to.

Things in “red” are new updates. 😊

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